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Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Articles 2, 3 and 4 of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 31/192, provide as follows:

Article 2

1. The Unit shall consist of not more than eleven Inspectors, chosen from among members of national supervision or inspection bodies, or from among persons of a similar competence on the basis of their special experience in national or international administrative and financial matters, including management questions. The Inspectors shall serve in their personal capacity.

2. No two Inspectors shall be nationals of the same State.

Article 3

1. Starting from the thirty-second session of the General Assembly, in 1977, the President of the General Assembly shall consult with Member States to draw up, with due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution and of reasonable rotation, a list of countries which would be requested to propose candidates who meet the qualifications mentioned in article 2, paragraph 1, above.

2. The President of the General Assembly, through appropriate consultations, including consultations with the President of the Economic and Social Council and with the Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination [now the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination], shall review the qualifications of the proposed candidates. After further consultations, if necessary, with the States concerned, the President of the General Assembly shall submit the list of candidates to the Assembly for appointment.

Article 4

1. The duration of the appointments of the Inspectors shall be five years, renewable for one further term ...

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2. By its resolution 61/238, the General Assembly decided that, beginning on 1 January 2008, the President of the General Assembly, when drawing up a list of countries that would be requested to propose candidates, in accordance with article 3, paragraph 1, of the statute of the Unit, would invite Member States to submit the names of the countries and their respective candidates simultaneously, on the understanding that the candidates submitted were the candidates that the respective Member States intended to propose, to the extent possible, for appointment by the Assembly, in accordance with article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute.

3. In addition, in its resolution 59/267, the General Assembly stressed the importance of ensuring that candidates had experience in at least one of the following fields: oversight, audit, inspection, investigation, evaluation, finance, project evaluation, programme evaluation, human resources management, management, public administration, monitoring and/or programme performance, as well as knowledge of the United Nations system and its role in international relations.

4. After holding the consultations described in article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute, including consultations with the President of the Economic and Social Council and with the Secretary-General in his capacity as Chair of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, the President of the General Assembly will submit the names of the candidates to the Assembly for appointment.

5. At present, the Joint Inspection Unit is composed of the following 11 members:

Mr. Gopinathan Achamkulangare (India)**** — Chair
Mr. Jean Wesley Cazeau (Haiti)**** — Vice-Chair
Ms. Aicha Afifi (Morocco)**
Ms. Eileen Cronin (United States of America)***
Mr. Petru Dumitriu (Romania)**
Mr. Jorge Flores Callejas (Honduras)***
Ms. Keiko Kamioka (Japan)*
Mr. Jeremiah Kramer (Canada)**
Mr. Nikolay Lozinskiy (Russian Federation)****
Ms. Sukai Elie Prom-Jackson (Gambia)****
Ms. Gönke Roscher (Germany)**

* Term of office expires on 31 December 2019.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2020.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2021.

**** Term of office expires on 31 December 2022.

6. Since the term of office of Ms. Kamioka will expire on 31 December 2019, it will be necessary for the General Assembly, at its seventy-third session, to appoint one person to fill the resulting vacancy.

7. The person so appointed will serve for a period of five years, beginning on 1 January 2020.